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KING FOR HENNEY

HARTFORD SEEMS disturbed because the next Republican convention seems likely to displace Judge William F. Henney, as member of the Republican national committee, with John T. King, Bridgeport's leading Republican.

The Courant appears to endure the approaching change with equanimity, but The Times is opposed, upon the ground that it stands for purity in Republicanism.

The choice of Mr. King will not clarify the turbid rill of Republican politics, to be sure. But neither would the election of Mr. Henney. There is not enough of him. It takes more than one.

But Mr. King has distinctions which make him a suitable associate on the committee Mr. Henney is so soon to leave. Mr. King is devoted to the principle of permanent highways, and while not himself a patron or contributor to the cause, has done his share to make Bridgeport a generous buyer.

"Millions for Warrenite," is the motto inscribed upon the banners borne by Mr. King's cohort, "and thousands of policemen."

What has Judge Henney contributed to the comfort of mankind? Has he raised men to the dignity of city jobs, by the scores of scores? Has he advocated Warrenite? We dare say he is a man of such antique notions that he advocates putting city contracts to competition and bid. If so, he is hopelessly unfit. He must yield to those who believe that public business is like kissing and should go by favor.

THE WILL TO DO

MAYOR WILSON'S administration has one proud boast. It gets what it wants when it wants it. It wanted Warrenite, and has the stuff, a half million of it, besides what was bought before. It wanted policemen, and has them, as the appointment of 70 men proves well enough.

Thus the dreams of a bigger and better Bridgeport dwindle to practical matters of political consequence. In place of civic centers, new libraries, broad streets, comfort stations and so on, there is Warrenite.

In place of Commission government, civil service, efficient working forces, there is an aggrandized police force, created by politicians, and to be used for political purposes.

In the contest of wills the will to do has proved strongest with Mr. King, the mayor, and their cohorts of practical supporters.

Those members of the community who have preached city planning, efficiency, economy and beauty have confined their efforts to dreaming, writing and talking. They have not had the will to do. Action has not been a portion of their program. They look a bit ridiculous in the presence of these aggressive, greedy gentlemen in city hall, who know what they want and know how to get it.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM

THE HOUSING PROBLEM, once it is determined to solve it, must have regard to the amount of rent, or installment upon price, that can be paid by those who will live in the houses when they are built.

The work of the good housing commission was helpful at least to the extent that it indicated the monthly amounts of rent paid by various classes of persons.

It appeared that \$9 was the maximum available for some families. To other families \$12 was the maximum.

Very satisfactory dwellings can be provided within the above limits, if they are constructed wholesale and sold at close to actual cost, with interest.

No amount of mere talk will solve the problem of furnishing homes for Bridgeport. There must be action. Action can only take the form of finding capital to pay for the real construction of real homes.

IS THE WAR A DRAW?

AS THE MONTHS move on with their roll of interminable slaughter, the view of the prophetic Englishman, H. G. Wells, becomes the stronger. His view has been that the nations will fight until they are bled to the color of veal, and that the fighting will end, only with mutual exhaustion and stalemate. The advantage will be for none; the loss, for all. The war is a draw.

The fighting at Verdun continues the impression that modern armament is essentially upon the side of the man who stays in his own trenches. The attack is fatal to the attacker.

But if the Germans cannot drive the French out of their trenches, the reverse is true, and another year may find the lines of the opposing armies about as they are, and all Europe staggering wearily toward the time when it will be too feeble to fight, and will make peace from sheer necessity of weakness from blood letting.

TRIAL OF SIR ROGER CASEMENT

SIR ROGER CASEMENT gets one advantage of rebellion that was denied to the active fighters in the Irish revolution. He is tried in public, and obtains an opportunity to impress the public mind, such as was denied to them. The trial will be followed with world wide interest. No matter what his fate, Sir Roger will have the satisfaction of knowing he has attained one of those great positions so uncommon, in which a single individual is for a time set aloft, in the lime light, to be a spectacle for the world. There have been those who believed one such instant of grandeur worth the whole of an ordinary life time.

NAUGATUCK WILL USE FAIRFIELD AVENUE PIER

Beginning Monday the steamer Naugatuck will arrive and depart from the Fairfield avenue pier.

This change will be very much appreciated by many patrons of the New England Steamship Co.

At the present time the steamer is landing at the foot of Union street and the new arrangement will only

effect the passenger business as all freight will be handled at Union street as at present.

The Naugatuck will leave Bridgeport at 8 a. m. and returning will arrive here at 7:30 p. m.

Fire caused \$125,000 damage to warehouses at Moncton, N. B.

FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY JOHN RECK & SON.

GREAT OPPOSITION TO CITY PLAN BOARD'S PROPOSAL FOR DIAGONAL STREET IN CENTER

Army of Lawyers Gathers to Fight Proposition for Their Clients—Declare Change Would Cost at Least \$750,000—John Street Widening Characterized As "Piece of Cheese."

If the opposition that developed at the public hearing last night is any criterion the City Planning commission's project for a diagonal street from State street to Water street will not be carried out. Attorney Arthur M. Marsh, secretary of the commission, who alone appeared in favor of the project, said it probably would take all of the \$245,000 bond issue recently voted for street widening. Those in opposition declared that the proposed street would cost at least \$500,000 in land and other damages and possibly \$750,000. The session of the common council last night was one of the longest on record. It lasted until 11:20 and most of the time was occupied with the public hearing on the matter of the proposed new street.

Probably no larger gathering of lawyers was ever assembled in the council chamber. The majority of them appeared in opposition to the proposed diagonal street. Among those present were: Arthur M. Marsh, James E. O'Rourke, Judge Alfred B. Beers, James A. Marr, Thomas C. Coughlin, David S. Day, Thomas C. Coughlin, Robert G. DeForest, Edward H. McMahon, John J. Cullinan, Judge Fred Eric A. Bartlett, Alexander L. DeLaney, Robert S. Mallette, John A. Sparford, Richard L. Swain, William J. "Harry" and Robert H. Gould.

Mr. Marsh, who spoke for the new street, said the object was to relieve Main street of the heavy traffic there now. He said a parallel of Main street must be found to relieve congestion. The widening of Main street is due to the fact that heavy trucks cannot go in Water street, the great increase in the jitney service and the trolley car service. He said it now often takes 20 minutes for a vehicle to get from Congress street to State street. He said the traffic could not be taken from Main street and sent to Water street because the wholesale business there now which necessitates using part of the street for backing up wagons, auto trucks, etc.

"The expense is something we are not able to submit to council tonight," said Attorney Marsh. "We are unable to ascertain how far we can carry the expense against the property owners. It will probably require a vote in the street extension bonds."

No one else appeared in favor of the project and Attorney DeLaney, representing McKenzies brothers, owners of the public market and the Christian Union, was first to oppose it.

"I am amazed," he said, "to hear the city plan commission make such a commendation. It is contrary to all good sense and common sense to propose to the ideals of city planning elsewhere. It will not afford the relief intended and will bankrupt the city. The McKenzies brothers have a very valuable property and business most of which will be taken by this proposed street. They will expect to be paid dollar for dollar for damage to the business which will be destroyed. They own 123 feet on State street, which is now assessed at \$300 per front foot and their property in Bank street is worth \$400 per front foot. The Christian Union has a property in Bank street worth \$40,000. It is peculiarly situated for their needs and they must be entitled to heavy damages if their property is taken."

"Main street will leave little slices of property here and there, which will be of no use to anyone. Send the jitney traffic through Broad street, widen Water street and Housatonic avenue and pave them so they can bear the heavy trucking and why not build the State street bridge? There is no relief now for Fairfield avenue. Traffic conditions north of Fairfield avenue are just as bad as between Fairfield avenue and State street. You will be affording the first section no relief if this plan is adopted and the cost will be ten times what it has been estimated here."

"Merchants are paying big rents on Main street because they want to be in the congested district," declared Attorney James A. Marr, who opposed the project. "They want the jitney service to go through Main street. They want to be where the crowds go. The tourist coming through in his automobile wants to go where the crowds go because that is the only way he can see the city."

"It is only a matter of time when the present one story buildings in Main street must grow to six and eight stories in height. This is no longer a one horse town. It will cost \$250,000 to build the new street that you are proposing here and if you get it you can't get traffic to use it if that traffic wants to go in Main street."

Attorney William J. O'Hara said the proposed diagonal street was illogical and would be too expensive. In 25 years, he said, this city will have grown from 150,000 to 300,000 inhabitants and the business section thickly built up. Most of necessity, reach from State street to Bull's Head.

Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan, on behalf of F. Lyman, the optician, and George Robertson, butter and egg dealer, also appeared in opposition. He said that his clients had been in business many years and that they would claim heavy damages if their buildings were taken away by the new street. He said the widening of Water street and extension of Broad street would solve the traffic problem.

Attorney Robert A. Mallette for the Bridgeport Christian Union, said this institution in which he is a director would claim large damages if their property is taken as contemplated by the proposed new street. He said a large part of the congestion in Main street is due to the custom of allowing vehicles to park there.

Attorney Robert Gould said the project merited little more than a passing smile. He appeared for Cent. Mrs. Buckminster, owner of whose property will be taken if the proposed street goes through. He said congestion proves that a city is large and thriving and that people were being led astray by idealistic projects which would harm business.

J. H. S. Jones said traffic became congested in Main street because the

paving is good and truckmen use it frequently. He said if Water street were smoothly paved the trucking would go there and that would relieve congestion in Main street.

The proposition to widen and extend John street across Main street brought opposition and facetious remarks from Attorney Robert G. DeForest. "Poor little neutral John street is as peaceful as a political graveyard and that's a mighty quiet spot," declared the attorney. "This recommendation by the City Plan commission looks as if the mountain had labored and brought forth not a mouse but a piece of cheese."

"The City Plan commission isn't recommending the extension of John street," spoke up Attorney Marsh.

"These gentlemen, we have the commission's secretary disavowing their own plan and wisely so," responded Attorney DeForest. He represented David B. Nichols, owner of the property where T. L. Watson & Co.'s bank is situated. Attorney David S. Day for T. L. Watson & Co. opposed the plan. Others who opposed the extension of John street to Park avenue were Attorney Israel Cohn for Sarah Liptkin, J. H. S. Jones and Buckingham Marsh.

C. S. Eames opposed the widening of Water street. He said he did not have room enough to carry on his business now and that his business would be ruined if the property is taken.

On the proposal to extend Harrison street through Fairfield avenue and John street into State street at a point near Lafayette street, Attorney Edward J. McMahon said he represented the Edmund Warren estate. He said he appeared in favor of the project but not to be taken.

Attorney Marr for Handy & Harman and a number of other manufacturers in the vicinity said his clients desired to see a more comprehensive layout of the street before they took any decided stand in the matter.

Thomas Doonan, led a party of his neighbors in their effort to have an eight foot building line established on the east side of the Huntington road. He said not to place the building line would be "crabbing the street." Attorney Thomas C. Coughlin, who has a client that desires to build a store on the corner, opposed. After recess last night the streets and sidewalks committee reported establishing the line and the report was adopted by the council.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Irma Gaal of 34 Organ street, this city, was ordained a deaconess of the Reformed church yesterday at a meeting of the Reformed ministers in Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, secretary of the Home Mission board, performed the confirmation ceremony. Miss Gaal is a member of the Hungarian Reformed church of this city. She is a graduate of the Philadelphia School for Training Christian Workers and on Friday received her diploma from the Deaconess House of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches. She has not as yet been assigned to her field of work.

The hundreds who taxed to capacity that large assembly place, Eagles' hall, last evening to witness the efforts of pupils of Columbus and Grand street schools as Shakespearean actors and actresses, were excellently repaid for their trouble by the splendid and unusual entertainment given. The affair was held in honor of the tercentenary celebration of the death of Shakespeare, and incidentally afforded a means to raise funds for the new piano, the new stereopticon lantern, and the nearly new library books which have recently been donated to two schools. Both the chorus and dramatic numbers were coached by teachers of the schools. Two special and unusual reels of moving pictures, "Travelers at Home" and "Views of America," were features of the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver G. Jennings of New York will go to their country home in Fairfield on Thursday to remain until July 15, when they will open their summer home at Newport. R. I. Mrs. Jennings will entertain the members of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames at her home in Fairfield next Tuesday, the occasion being the annual meeting.

Prominent women of the city have obtained boxes at the Park theatre tonight for the huge Y. W. C. A. pageant in which will be seen between 500 and 600 of the city's young people. The pageant depicts life in the various countries where are established branches of the great association for young women. Miss Lucille Marsh who has the only speaking part in the production impersonates the association spirit.

Mrs. Philip L. Holzer, president of the Art League and originator of the idea to erect an Ann Hathaway house and Shakespeare garden, announced at the meeting of the organization yesterday that Aymar Embury, of New York has been retained as architect for the cottage, with a total cost of \$2,000 and \$2,500. The house will be 30x18 feet and the garden will surround it. The cottage will be a one and one-half stories high and will have two short flights of steps leading to the second floor. A kitchenette will be added to one side of the cottage. So far as possible all details will be historically correct. Thatched roofs not being sanitary, a substitute will be provided. A high wall will enclose the garden.

Mrs. Holzer was re-elected president of the league, Mrs. F. W. Hammond, first vice president; Mrs. William B. Cogswell, second vice president; Mrs. William S. Horton, third vice president; Mrs. John C. Chamberlain, treasurer; Mrs. William J. Taft, recording secretary; Mrs. Belle Fletcher, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. George Hadley, librarian. Gratifying reports of the various classes were read. It was announced that the annual luncheon will be held



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It was announced that Miss Pauline Lewis, of Stratford, a prominent member of the league, had been awarded a prize of a summer course at the School of Applied Designs in New York by that institution.

As entertainment for the afternoon, school children from Columbus and Grand street schools presented the scenes from Shakespeare's plays which they repeated so successfully in the evening at Eagles' hall.

CAMPBELL-SEELEY.

An unusually pretty wedding was solemnized at Sacred Heart church last week, when Miss Marion J. Seeley, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Seeley of 336 Atlantic street, was married to Mr. Thomas B. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Campbell of 1475 Main street. The ceremony was performed at 9 o'clock by Rev. Richard F. Moore, LL.D., with a high nuptial mass sung by Rev. Thomas J. Moo-



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